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Recommendations:

- 1. Fund the Illinois Hope and Opportunity Pathways through Education (IHOPE) at \$25 million** – this would provide funding for developing programming for over 4,000 high-risk, out of school youth across the state
- 2. Restore funding for the Truant Alternative Optional Education Program (TAOEP) to \$18 million** – this would provide funding for developing truancy programs for an additional 35,000 truant students across the state
- 3. Restore funding for the Regional Safe Schools Program (RSSP) to \$18 million** – this would provide funding for developing programs for an additional 2,500 suspended and expelled students across the state
- 4. Full implementation of the 5 Multi-Site Charters for High School Dropouts in Chicago** – this would provide programming to reach 11,000 more out of school youth in Chicago
- 5. Expansion of YCCS to 6,000 slots with a 5-year contract with accountability measures appropriate for re-enrolling high-risk, out of school youth** – this would provide programming to reach 2,500 more out of school youth in Chicago
- 6. Implementation of other programs for dropouts outside of Chicago, e.g. the Rockford YouthBuild Program** – this would provide for at least 1,000 more openings for out of school youth outside of Chicago